(b) During 1991-92 Films Division assigned 16 films to private producers on contract basis which included 9 featurettes and 7 documentary films.

(c) The total amount spent during the year 1991-92 for the production of films through private producers by Films Division was Rs. 60,37,279/- which included expenditure on the films which were carried over from the previous years.

**Ramanujam Committee recommendations**

1586. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the decisions taken by Government on the basis of Ramanujam Committee recommendations for restructuring the labour laws and improving industrial relations; indicating the recommendations on which no decision or action has so far been taken and also those rejected by Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): The report of the Ramanujam Committee on new industrial relations law is not entirely unanimous. The report was considered by the 40th Labour Ministers' Conference held in New Delhi on 6-2-1992. The Conference decided that the decommendations of the Committee which are unanimous may be accepted and a Group of five State Labour Ministers may be appointed to examine the areas of disagreement in the said report with a view to arriving at a consensus. In pursuance of this decision a Group consisting of Labour Ministers of Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh under the chairmanship of Minister of State for Coal and Labour has been constituted. The Group met on 25th April and 1st June 1992 and discussed the contentious issues in the Ramanujan Committee Report. The Group has yet to finalise its report for consideration by the Indian Labour Conference scheduled to be held in August, 1992.

**Hike in retrenchment and closure benefits to Workers**

1587. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Government panel has suggested hike in retrenchment and closure benefits to industrial workers of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the States where new scheme has been accepted and names of those States which have not accepted the scheme with the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) The 40th Labour Ministers Conference held on 6.2.1992 decided to constitute a Group of Labour Ministers of five States under the chairmahsnip of Union Minister of State for Coal and Labour to further consider the recommendations of the bipartite committee on new Industrial Relations Legislation which was headed by Shri G. Ramanujam and had submitted its report earlier to the Government. The Group of Labour Ministers in their meeting held on 1st June 1992 decided to recommend, *inter alia*, that the compensation to workers be increased from 15 to 45 days wages' in the case of closure and retrenchment for every completed year of continuous service. The group is yet to finalise its report for consideration by the Indian Labour Conference scheduled to be held in the last week of August, 1992.

**Violation of Labour Laws in Stone Quarries in M.P.**

1588. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report

which appeared in the Times of India dated 9th June, 1992 regarding starvation deaths of tribal children and their extreme exploitation in the stone quarries in Madhya Pradesh in Uttar violation of labour laws; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information received from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh the owner of the crusher where the parents of the children were working and two others have been arrested. The families of the deceased have been given Rs. 2000/- each from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund Rs. 500/- each has also been given to the persons under treatment. Further enquiry into the incident is under way.

**Cases against management of State Bank of Indore**

1589. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees in the branches of the State Bank of Indore in the Union Territory of Delhi who had filed cases against the management in the Labour Court (Central) High Court and in the Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central) Delhi, in connection with their terminations/ transfers from 1985 till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof, court-wise;

(c) what is the present position of the cases;

(d) whether the orders issued by the Assistant Labour Commissioner have been complied with;

(e) if not the reasons therefor; and

(f) the action taken against the management for non-compliance of the orders and tampering with the despatch records?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (f) The information is being collected.

**Unemployed Registered with Employment Exchanges in Punjab**

1590. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the number of educated and uneducated unemployed persons registered with the employment exchanges in Punjab during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how many of them are graduates and matriculates and what is the number of women among them;

(c) how many were provided with employment by various employment exchanges during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) how many are likely to be provided employment during 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) The number of job-seekers on the live register of employment exchanges, not all of whom are necessarily unemployed, in Punjab classified by education level and sex for 1988, 1989 and 1990 (Latest available) are furnished in the statement annexed. (*See* below).

(c) The total number of placements effected through employment exchanges in Punjab during 1988, 1989 and 1990 were as given below:

| Year | Number (In thousands) |
|---|---|
| 1988 | 9.0 |
| 1989 | 6.5 |
| 1990 | 4.8 |

(d) Role of employment exchanges is limited to sponsoring of job-seekers against the vacancies notified to employment exchanges by various employers.